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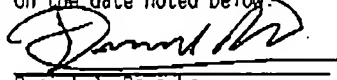
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
September 17, 2004 the term for response to which expires on
December 17, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-7 are
amended, and claim 8 is added.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.